

The present invention relates to the transfer of an in-progress telephone call from a wireless device, or terminal, to a wired device or terminal. In accordance with one embodiment of the invention, the wireless device receives an identifier from the wired device over a direct wireless communications link. In an exemplary embodiment, the wireless device is a cellphone, the wired device is a telephone deskset, and the direct wireless communications link is a Bluetooth™ link. Once the wireless device has received the identifier, it transmits the identifier along with a call transfer request to enable the telephone call to be transferred to the wired device.

Claims 1-19 were rejected based on Jensen et al. in combination with one or both of Johansson and McGraw et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Jensen relates to a combination wired/wireless PBX (local premises) system. The PBX manufacturer has control over both the wired and wireless portions of the system. Transfer of in-progress calls between wired and wireless telephones is described beginning at column 7, line 30.

An important object of Jensen is "to provide a telecommunication system where wireless telephones and conventional wired telephones are integrated to permit an in-progress telephone conversation to be transferred between wired and wireless telephones *without further action by the telecommunication switch that facilitated the initial call completion*" (col. 1, lines 60-70). This object is further elaborated on at col. 8, lines 10-20:

Thus, the subscriber continues the conversation initiated with the wireless telephone using his wire telephone 32 *without: (a) loss of connection with the other party; (b) requiring a new call origination; (c) requiring any additional actions by the telecommunication switch* 56.

Of course, the purpose of the identifier recited in the present claims is precisely to enable a new call origination. Otherwise, no identifier would be needed, just as no identifier is needed in Jensen. Clearly, Jensen taken alone does not teach or suggest the present invention but rather teaches contrary to the present invention.

Considering now the secondary references, Johansson and McGraw, neither reference relates to *in-progress call transfer* between a wireless device and wired device.

Johansson, as illustrated in the cover figure, relates to a cordless telephone network system that interfaces and is integrated with both the cellular communications network and the public switch telephone network. A wireless *handset* is provided that can communicate with either the cellular communication network (directly) or the public switch telephone network, or PSTN through an interface adapter 210). A wireless *headset* is provided that can communicate with either the wireless handset directly or the PSTN through the adapter. Hence, both the handset and the headset can be used for either wireless or wired calls, the headset for wireless calls communicating with the cellular network through the handset.

There is, however, absolutely no discussion in Johansson of *in-progress call transfer*.

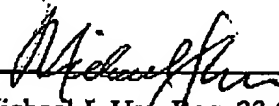
McGraw relates to a telephone "follow-me" system. A transmitter unit to be carried on one's person communicates a person's presence to various different telephones (e.g., home, car, work). When a particular phone detects the person's presence, it makes a communication to automatically register with a telephone system central switch to cause the person's calls to be forwarded to that phone. When the person's presence is no longer detected, the phone deregisters.

Again, there is, absolutely no discussion in Johansson of *in-progress call transfer*.

Since Jensen et al. teaches a very different kind of in-progress call transfer than that claimed, and since the secondary references contain no teachings concerning in-progress call transfer, Applicant submits that the claims would not have been obvious in view of the proposed combination(s) of references.

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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